## In the Claims:

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

- 1-12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Currently amended) Elemental silicon formed into a family of discretely and uniformly sized elemental silicon nanoparticles, the family including substantially consisting of one or a combination of discrete sizes of 1, 1.67, 2.15, 2.9, and 3.7 nanometer nanoparticles.